DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, LOS ANGELES DISTRICT
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
VENTURA FIELD OFFICE
60 SOUTH CALIFORNIA STREET, SUITE 201
VENTURA, CALIFORNIA 93001

September 17, 2019

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Permit Application

Mr. Ed Pert
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
3883 Ruffin Road
San Diego, California 92123

Dear Mr. Pert:

I am responding to your application (File No. SPL-2010-01155-BLR) dated May 16, 2016, for a Department of the Army permit to discharge fill material into waters of the United States (U.S.) under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) and place structures in navigable waters of the U.S. under Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act (33 U.S.C. 403), in association with the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project, in Ballona Creek near Marina del Rey, Los Angeles County, California.

Our files indicate that, although you have provided preliminary engineering design information, you have not provided the more detailed engineering information that is needed to complete the preliminary technical analysis for your Section 408 application, which was recently determined by the Corps to be required to complete the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project. Based on your most recent estimate, and recognizing that delays can occur, you anticipate providing the required detailed engineering information to us in approximately two years. We understand that it can take a substantial amount of time to complete a detailed engineering design for a complex wetland restoration project and, although your application is considered withdrawn, we anticipate reinitiating review of your previously submitted permit application and restarting the Final EIS process upon receipt of the above information.

Thank you for participating in our Regulatory Program. If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 585-2148 or via e-mail at Aaron.O.Allen@usace.army.mil. Please help me to evaluate and improve the regulatory experience for others by completing the customer survey form at http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey.

Sincerely,

Aaron O. Allen, Ph.D.
Chief, North Coast Branch
Regulatory Division